

## Counselor's Corner

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### Careers, Jobs, Work What do I LIKE? What am I GOOD AT?

We have spent a great deal of time all year discussing how our **job** right now is being a **student** at Hawthorn Elementary. We are developing important work habits that will carry over into the world of school and beyond. Habits like attendance, being on time, positive attitudes, accurate work, dependability, and getting along with others are all things prospective employers will be looking for in a person they want to hire.

Our 5th grade students got on-line through Missouri Connections and began their own personal portfolio on the topics, "Who Am I?" and "Where Am I Going?" I hope they have shared this information with you! In fact anyone can access and gain all kinds of career information through this site.

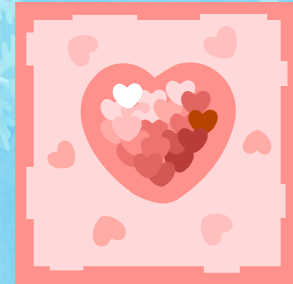
Check it out at:

[missouriconnections.org](http://missouriconnections.org)

You can sign on using:

HawthornPH - username

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### Social Skills

We are still working on how our "thoughts" can control our actions and the things we say. Since our "*thoughts are what we use to choose*", we must find a way to **STOP** and **THINK BEFORE** we act or speak. This takes positive self-talk, turning off the ME button, and checking in with our eyes to see how the rest of the group is behaving at this very moment.

Recognizing what everyone else is doing helps us make better decisions regarding what will make others and myself more "comfortable" with my choices.

There are hidden rules that everyone must learn in order to be a successful member of ANY group. Keep your eyes and ears open for the clues!!!

